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1. AMBASSADOR MYERSON DELIVERED A
STATEMENT ON THE REPORTS OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC
COMMISSIONS ON JULY 23 TOWARD THE END OF A VERY LONG GENERAL
DEBATE. A COPY OF THE FULL TEXT WILL BE POUCHED TO THE DEPART-
MENT, ATTENTION WYMAN IO/CMD. WE FELT CONSTRAINED IN THAT
STATEMENT TO COMMENT ON A RESOLUTION, APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS
OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA (ECWA) AT
THE THIRD SESSION, WHICH INTER ALIA MAKES REFERENCE TO
"RACIST ZIONIST PRACTICES" AND IN OPERATIVE PARA ONE
"DECIDES THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO APPEAL TO THE ECOSOC FOR
PROMPT ACTION TO TAKE PRACTICAL MEASURES TO ENSURE THE
IMPROVEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE
PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMELAND." (SEE
UN DOCUMENT E/5785, SUPPLEMENT 12, REPORT ON THE
THIRD SESSION OF ECWA, PAGE 29). AMB. MYERSON'S
STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER WAS COUCHED IN A GENERAL
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REFERENCE TO ALL OF THE REPORTS OF THE ECONOMIC

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COMMISSIONS AND READ AS FOLLOWS: "OUR APPRECIATION FOR THESE
REPORT, OF COURSE, DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE ARE IN
FULL AGREEMENT WITH EVERYTHING THEY CONTAIN. IN THE
REPORT ON ECWA'S THIRD SESSION, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE
IS AT LEAST ONE RESOLUTION WE WOULD NOT SUPPORT.
ON THE OTHER HAND OUR VIEWS ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED
HAVE BEEN MADE CLEAR FREQUENTLY ON OTHER OCCASIONS,
AND THESE HAVE NOT CHANGED. I WOULD NOT PROPOSE
THEREFORE TO PURSUE THESE MATTERS NOW."

2. AT AN EARLIER SESSION, THE UK REPRESENTATIVE, SPEAKING
ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9 ALSO REFERRED IN HIS
STATEMENT TO THE SAME ECWA RESOLUTION. HE SAID "...THE MEMBER
COUNTRIES OF THE COMMUNITY STAND READY TO JOIN IN
TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORTS OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC
COMMISSIONS. IN SO DOING THE WOULD NOTE THAT THERE
ARE CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN THESE REPORTS AND SOME
RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN THEM ON WHICH THE POSITION OF
THE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR
IN THE APPROPRIATE FORA OF THE UN AND NEED NOT BE
REPEATED ON THIS OCCASION."

3. WE HANDLED THE MATTER IN THE FOREGOING WAY, IN
CONSULTATION WITH THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE EC-9 IN ORDER TO
PROTECT THE US POSITION WHEN THE ECOSOC, AS NOW
SEEMS LIKELY, SIMPLY "NOTES" THE REPORTS OF THE
REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND PASSES THEM TO THE 31ST
GA FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. DALE

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